THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Selection of aircraft/engines are based on techno-economic evaluation of offers received from different aircraft and engine manufacturers.

Complaints against AI's new purchase deal

880. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airbus Industries has complained of fishy twist to AI deal in its new purchase bids;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received; and

(c) the action taken to ensure impartiality in AI deals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All decisions are taken in accordance with established procedures.

Evaluation procedure in aircraft purchase

881. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to purchase new passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, which make/model of aircraft is proposed to be purchased;

(c) what has been the evaluation procedure prior to deciding on the make/model of the aircraft proposed to be purchased;

(d) what are the type of engines proposed to be purchased along with such aircraft; and

(e) the evaluation procedure in respect of the selection of the engines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (e) Indian Airlines has submitted a Project Report for acquisition of 43 aircrafts coprising Airbus A-319, Airbus, A-320 and Airbus A-321. The proposed aircraft are to be fitted with CFM-56 engines. The selection of the aircraft/engines are based on techno-economic evaluation of offers received from aircraft and engine manufacturers.

Safety of Cargo at IGI Airport

882. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven persons including four employees of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) approved Cargo handling agencies were arrested by the Crime Branch for allegedly stealing goods from consignments at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the job of Cargo handling is given to Private agencies and stealing of goods has been done in collusion with the regular staff of AAI; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken to ensure the safety of Cargo at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Five employees of a private agency providing cargo handling services at the Cargo Terminal of IGI Airport and two businessmen were arrested by Crime Branch of Delhi Police. Subsequently five more persons were arrested.

(c) No involvement of regular staff of Airports Authority of India (AAI) has come to the notice as yet.

(d) The AAI has lodged an FIR with Crime Branch Delhi Police who have started investigation. The concerned airline has been requested to send world tracer action. Security at Cargo Terminal has been beefed up with increased supervisory checks. All cargo officers have been asked